

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A securing mechanism for a chassis, comprising:
a panel for adjustably connecting to a chassis substantially along a first side;
a latch mounted to a second side of said chassis substantially opposite the first side, for latching the panel; and
a locking mechanism slidably mounted to at least one of said chassis and the panel, the locking mechanism extending substantially from the first to the second side;
wherein manipulation of the locking mechanism at the first side results in at least one of releasing and securing of the latch.
2. The securing mechanism for a chassis of claim 1, wherein the latch is hingedly connected to the chassis.
3. The securing mechanism for a chassis of claim 1, further comprising means for biasing connected to at least one of the latch and the locking mechanism.
4. The securing mechanism for a chassis of claim 1, wherein the locking mechanism and chassis individually include corresponding apertures for receiving a securing device.
5. The securing mechanism for a chassis of claim 1, further comprising a securing device for engaging the locking mechanism and the chassis at the first side.
6. The securing mechanism for a chassis of claim 5, wherein a securing device is at least one of a screw and a lock.

7. The securing mechanism for a chassis of claim 5, wherein the securing device is a twist type lock.

8. The securing mechanism for a chassis of claim 1, wherein the latch at least partially secures a component.

9. An electronic housing, comprising:
 - a chassis, for containing an electronic device;
 - a panel hingedly connected substantially along a first side of said chassis;
 - a latch mounted to a second side of said chassis substantially opposite the first side, for latching the panel; and
 - a locking mechanism slidably mounted to at least one of said chassis and the panel, the locking mechanism extending substantially from the first to the second side;

wherein manipulation of the locking mechanism at the first side results in at least one of releasing and securing of the latch.
10. The electronic housing of claim 9, wherein the latch is hingedly connected to the chassis.
11. The electronic housing of claim 10, wherein the latch at least partially secures a component.
12. The electronic housing of claim 9, wherein the latch at least partially secures a component.
13. The electronic housing of claim 9, further comprising means for biasing connected to at least one of the latch and the locking mechanism.
14. The electronic housing of claim 9, wherein the locking mechanism and chassis individually include corresponding apertures for receiving a securing device.
15. The electronic housing of claim 9, further comprising a securing device for engaging the locking mechanism and the chassis at the first side.

16. The electronic housing of claim 15, wherein a securing device is at least one of a screw and a lock.

17. The electronic housing of claim 15, wherein the securing device is a twist type lock.

18. A system, comprising:
 - a chassis for containing a computer;
 - a panel adjustably connected substantially along a first side of said chassis;
 - a latch mounted to a second side of said chassis substantially opposite the first side, for latching the panel;
 - a locking mechanism slidably mounted to at least one of said chassis and the panel, the locking mechanism extending substantially from the first to the second side; and
 - means for securing the locking mechanism to the chassis substantially disposed on the first side;

wherein manipulation of the locking mechanism at the first side results in at least one of releasing and securing of the latch.
19. The system of claim 18, wherein the latch is hingedly connected to the chassis.
20. The system of claim 18, wherein the latch at least partially secures a component.
21. The system of claim 18, further comprising means for biasing connected to at least one of the latch and the locking mechanism.
22. The system of claim 18, wherein the securing means is at least one of a screw and a lock.
23. The system of claim 22, wherein the system is configured to accept a single securing means.
24. The system of claim 18, wherein the securing device is a twist type lock.

25. A system, comprising:
 - means for housing a computer;
 - a panel releasably connected substantially along a first side of said housing means;
 - means for latching the panel mounted to a second side of said housing means substantially opposite the first side;
 - a locking mechanism slidably mounted to at least one of said housing means and the panel, the locking mechanism extending substantially from the first to the second side; and
 - means for securing the locking mechanism to the housing means substantially disposed on the first side;

wherein manipulation of the locking mechanism at the first side results in releasing/securing of the latching means.
26. The system of claim 25, wherein the latching means at least partially secures a component.
27. The system of claim 25, further comprising means for biasing connected to at least one of the latch and the locking mechanism.
28. The system of claim 25, wherein the securing means is at least one of a screw and a lock.

29. A method for securing/releasing a computer chassis, comprising:
manipulating a securing device on a first side of the chassis;
sliding a locking mechanism along an axis extending from the first side to a second side of the chassis generally opposite the first side;
pivoting a latch mounted on the second side of the chassis in response to sliding the locking mechanism to achieve at least one of releasing a panel cover and securing a panel cover.
30. The method for securing/unsecuring a computer chassis of claim 29, further including the step of adjusting a component.